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Re: KPUG(AM), Bellingham, Washington
Facility Identification Number: 58887
Saga Broadcasting, LLC
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed December 21, 2007, on behalf of Saga Broadcasting, LLC (Saga). Saga requests further extension of the special temporary authority (STA) granted on February 6, 2004, to operate Station KPUG with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.¹ In support of the request, Saga provides a report of its progress toward restoring licensed operation.

Requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Our review indicates that the licensee has made progress toward restoration of licensed operation, but additional time is required for completing the work. Thus, extension of STA is warranted. However, we note that Station KPUG now has been operating under STA for more than four years. It is anticipated that Saga will proceed in an expeditious manner to complete the restoration of licensed operation, and that further extension of this authority will not be necessary.

¹ KPUG is licensed for operation on 1170 kHz with 10 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only. (DA-N-U).

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KPUG may continue to operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Saga must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **January 9, 2009**. Any request for further extension of this authority must be accompanied by a detailed progress report, and will be evaluated on the basis of the information provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Saga Broadcasting, LLC